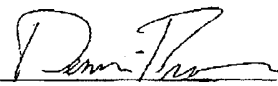
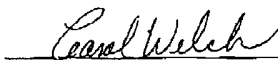


AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER Under Small Entity Status				Attorney Docket No: 00-423		
Application Serial Number: 09/909,913		Filing Date: 7/20/2001		Examiner: Drew E. Becker		Art Unit: 1761
Invention: LIQUID INFUSION AND TENDERIZATION PROCESS, APPARATUS, AND PRODUCT						
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	72	MINUS	91	0	\$	\$0
INDEF. CLAIMS	5	MINUS	8	0	\$	\$0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of 12/1/2003 to and through 2/1/2004, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month (\$55.00) <input type="checkbox"/> three months (\$0.00) </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> two months (\$0.00) <input type="checkbox"/> four months (\$0.00) </div>						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$55.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has previously been established. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge \$55.00 to Deposit Account 06-0540. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0540. <input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: left;"> <u>1/21/04</u> Date </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Dennis D. Brown Reg. No. 33559 </div> </div> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;">I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage for first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or the correspondence is being facsimile transmitted (703/872-9306) to the USPTO, on January 21, 2004.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: left;">  Carol Welch </div> </div>						

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